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Raiders dismiss coach Jack Del Rio

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MAYOR: 'WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO'

Violent crime rises 7 percent

San Jose surge matches L.A., contrasts with decrease in San Francisco, Oakland

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In an unwelcome role reversal, San Jose, which has long touted itself as one of the country's safest big cities, saw street violence continue a recent ascent over the past year while Oakland and San Francisco trended in the opposite direction.

The Bay Area's largest city was on track for a 7 percent rise in violent crimes — homicides, aggravated assaults, rapes and robberies — in 2017, according to the San Jose Police Department, which will have finalized numbers by mid-January. That follows a 14 percent jump the city recorded in 2016.

San Jose has some company both in the region and throughout the state. Cities like Berkeley, Hayward, Fremont and Palo Alto saw violent crime surge in 2016, and projections for 2017 indicate their rates have remained elevated. Los Angeles saw violent crime rise at about the same rate as San Jose. All are well out in front of the FBI-calculated national increase of about 4 per-

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San Jose police in June investigate on Creston Lane, where a man was dead and a woman injured in a shooting treated as an attempted murder-suicide in the Santee neighborhood.

DEL RIO IS OUT

Raiders: Hit the road, Coach

CARSON » Jack Del Rio took a long time to arrive at his postgame press conference Sunday.

A lot longer than usual.

But Del Rio had a good reason — he had just been fired as the Raiders' head coach.

Raiders owner Mark Davis told Del Rio he would not be retained for a fourth season moments after a lifeless 30-10 loss to the Chargers.

Dieter Kurtenbach
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More inside: Raiders lose against Los Angeles Chargers. SPORTS, C1.

Del Rio called the season finale a microcosm of his team's disappointing 6-10 season. Then he said Davis had fired him.

It didn't matter that Davis signed Del Rio to a four-year contract extension, believed to be worth around $20 million, in February — the Raiders' owner made the right decision to fire Del Rio.

While it might be hard to believe after watching the 2017 season, the truth is that the Raiders are in a middle of a title window.

That window won't last forever, and the Raiders just wasted a season of Derek Carr, Khalil Mack, Amari Cooper and a solid offensive line.

It wasn't solely Del Rio's fault,

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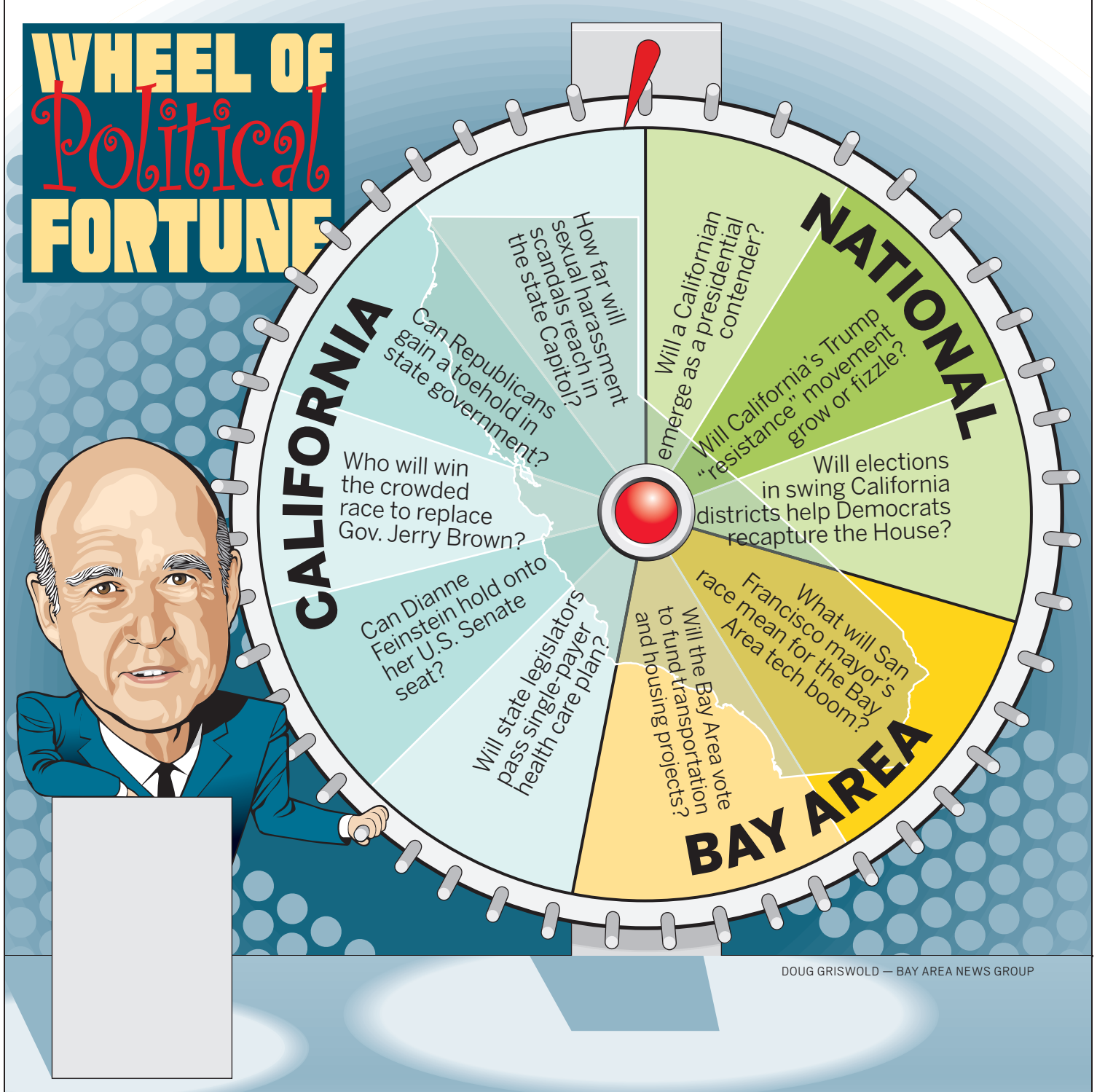
CALIFORNIA POLITICS MAY SWERVE IN 2018



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Midterm elections, a sex scandal, Trump resistance generate questions

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With two competitive top-of-the-ticket races and a national spotlight on the state's congressional districts — to say nothing about the Legislature's busy agenda coupled with a growing sexual harassment scandal in the Capitol — 2018 will be a blockbuster year for California politics.

President Donald Trump's tumultuous first year in office has sent political shock waves across the continent, rearranging California's political map. If Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton had beaten Trump in 2016, Sen. Dianne Feinstein might have scooted into her fifth full term without a serious challenger because she wouldn't have irked liberals by being too soft on Trump. Democrats wouldn't have had a chance at reclaiming Congress, and Golden State Republicans wouldn't be tarred by association with an unpopular president.

Instead, Trump's presidency has buoyed Democrats' hopes in races up and down the ballot. In 2018, as Trump and congressional Republicans move forward with entitlement reform and other policies that could further destabilize the Golden State's finances, California politics will continue to be shaped by the New York billionaire's peculiar presidency.

To keep it all straight, here's a cheat sheet with some of the biggest political

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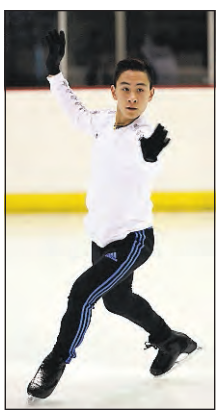

Dinh Tran, 16, practices his program at the Yerba Buena Ice Skating and Bowling Center in San Francisco.

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'AGAINST ALL ODDS'

Navigating Tenderloin to skating nationals

By Razor scooter or bus, teen hustles for ice time

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SAN FRANCISCO » Dinh Tran's path to ice skating stardom takes him past drug addicts, prostitutes and the homeless along the pungent streets of the Tenderloin.

The teenager pushes his Razor scooter or takes a Muni bus to get to the Yerba Buena recreational rink about 10 city blocks from his studio apartment. One day last week, the teen was spotted on crowded Fourth Street rolling a suitcase filled with skating clothes toward the rink.

"I just got off the bus," he said.

In a sport known for glitzy

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